

**TOWN OF SOMERS
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 4, 2016
7:30 PM -TOWN HALL**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm by Chairman, James Botellio. Other members present were: Charles Colby, Dan Fraro, Stephen Getman, Mark Marschall, George Van Tassel and James Faust. Also present was Steven Jacobs, Town Sanitarian and Carl Landolina, Town Atty.

II. MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes of September 13, 2016 were reviewed

A motion was made to approve the minutes as written by Mr. Faust. 2nd by Mr. Colby, all in favor, motion passed.

III. Executive Session – Pending Claims & Litigation: Town of Somers v. Hinckley Construction, Inc.

A motion was made by Mr. Van Tassel to enter into Executive Session at 7:35 pm, 2nd by Mr. Faust, all in favor, motion passed. Mr. Jacobs and Atty. Landolina were invited into session.

The Authority came out of Executive Session at 7:50 pm.

A motion was made to move item VII – Water Assessment Fund, up on the agenda by Mr. Getman, 2nd by Mr. Marschall, all in favor, motion passed.

IV. Water Assessment Fund

The water fund currently owes ~\$5200.00 to the town and has over \$44K in deferred assessments on our water system. Atty. Landolina stated, the Authority can continue to assess and collect connection fees per the town ordinance as long as we own the mains and funds can be used for future maintenance or other water projects.

V. Hall Hill Rd. – Sewer Main Extension

Mr. Jacobs reported that the contractor is expecting to start next week and complete the job within two weeks.

IV. Somersville WPCF – Maintenance

- Mr. Jacobs reported that the UV chamber repair and valve replacement have been completed by Avery Construction. Everything went well, however additional pumping was required to keep the flow stopped during construction. Another flaw in the original construction was discovered:

the pipe going through the wall into the UV unit, was two separate pieces stuck into either side with a large gap found in between. This most likely contributed to the erosion of the concrete and leaking.

V. Sewer Billing Update

Bills were printed on the new QDS system and sent out last week. Some accounts had not been updated in the system but no major problems have been reported. All charges were also entered into the old system and reports sent to finance for reconciliation. Mr. Jacobs reported, he had not yet met with finance to discuss reporting and responsibilities with the new system.

VI. CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Jacobs reported that draft legislation has been proposed by the new Commissioner of Health to require all towns be forced into county health districts and pay 1.5% of their annual budget to fund it. Preliminary estimates would cost the town ~\$300K plus the loss of revenues, ~\$20-25K. The proposal has received negative reviews from other health depts./districts and Ms. Pellegrini has expressed concern to CCM.

V. BILLS/TRANSFERS

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| Phoenix Labs | \$143.00 |
| Phoenix Labs | \$280.00 |
| Phoenix Labs | \$75.00 |
| Ace Hardware | \$110.76 |
| Hach | \$272.79 |
| Crop Production | \$146.00 |
| Avery Septic Service | \$13455.00 |
| Avery Construction | \$13714.90 |
| Avery Construction | <u>\$21919.55</u> |
| | \$50117.00 |

A motion was made by Mr. Van Tassel to approve the bills as submitted. 2nd by Mr. Colby, all in favor, motion passed.

An invoice of \$402.03 from QDS for doing the sewer bills was tabled. The Authority would like finance to come to the next regular meeting to discuss the cost of maintenance of the new system and who will be responsible for the fees.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Mr. Van Tassel at 8:55 pm, 2nd by Mr. Colby, all in favor, motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Fraro

Recording Secretary